for data on deep sea fishery resources, environment and productivity patterns, deep scattering layers (DSL), harmful algal blooms, benthos of shelf waters of East Coast and harvesting technologies through exclusive cruises of the Fishery Oceanographic Research Vessel Sagar Sampada.

Ocean Science and Technology Cell on Marine Culture System at Andhra University is conducting studies/surveys on pearl oysters along Andhra coast for commercial exploitation, management of brood stock of tiger prawns, and management of diseases in acquaculture.

All these activities are taken up as national programmes and it is not practicable to apportion the estimate of expenditure for Andhra Pradesh.

Seismic Survey of continental shelf

3622. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry propose to issue tenders for a seismic survey, to map the continental shelf along the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal;

(b) whether Sri Lanka is also claiming the same continental shelf as its own; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All States Parties to United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) including India and Sri Lanka are entitled to claim continental shelf in accordance with the provisions of the Convention. Neither India nor Sri Lanka filed their claims so far.

Rail bridges built by the Britishers

3623. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rail bridges built by the Britishers, which have completed their life;

(b) the number of rail bridges, as an alternative, which have since been completed and are under construction, separately;